

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bohrer-
Norton House

2. Location

street & number 3829 34th Street not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> X </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> X </u> not applicable	<u> X </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William V. and Mary C. Steppe, Trustees, T. A. Wecker

street & number 7103 Hillmeade Road telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code Maryland 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6553

street & number Main Street folio 992

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state X county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 4010

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No.P.G.#68-13-

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

3829 34th Street (Block 1, Lot 25, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) is a two-story with attic, frame dwelling with a cross gable roof (see Slide #40). The main gable surmounts the west (street) facade and contains two bays. The building entrance is located in the north bay of the west facade and is sheltered by a partially enclosed one-story porch that wraps around the south facade. The entrance bay section of the porch is surmounted by a triangular pediment.

The building is sheathed in a variety of non-historic building materials. The first and second stories of the west facade are covered with modern painted wooden shingle. The west gable and entrance pediment are sheathed in aluminum siding. All of the building's windows appear to be new and are double hung 1/1 sash, except the tri-partite casement window on the first story enclosed porch. All windows on the west facade have decorative louvered aluminum shutters.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1910

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

CONTRIBUTING

The structure at 3829 34th Street (Block 1, Lot 25, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) is a significant example of early 20th century domestic architecture. Although this building is presently sheathed with modern building materials, the massing and plan of the house retain their historic character. The two story with attic, cross-gable dwelling with front and rear porches is typical of the type of single-family dwelling built in Mt. Rainier in the first two decades of this century.

The house was constructed by 1910 when Lot 25 was owned by Jason and Emma Bohrer. Assessment records for 1910 indicate that the land was then valued at \$300 and an unspecified "new improvement" was valued at \$1,800.¹ There is no evidence of any other improvement on this site. The building as it stands today has remained essentially unchanged in plan since its first appearance on an insurance map in 1921.²

Shortly after its construction, 3829 34th Street was sold by Emma McCollum Bohrer and her then husband, William Ownings Bohrer to Clara J. Stevens. Stevens owned the house for 11 years before selling it in 1922 to Dr. William H. Norton, a local physician. The house remained in the Norton family until 1963.³

Notes

¹ Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1907-1910, p. 161.

² Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1921, p. 6; 1939, p. 202; 1939 corrected to 1954, p. 202.

³ Prince George's County Land Records, 72:46; 191:22; 2904:338.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Howard S. Berger, Consultant		
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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P.G. #68-13-22
Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area
Prince George's County, Maryland
September 1986
Not to Scale

STREET

RHODE

PERRY

Legend
A - contributing 1-26 - inventory number
E - noncontributing 3801 - address

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E - noncontributing 3801 - address

